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**A Student Speaks**  
To the Editor: The people of School District No. 4 are again faced with the prospect of consolidation with the Medford School District. For the past three years this issue has come before residents of both school districts with much discussion on both sides. However, at the present time, emotions are running high concerning this proposed union.

I am a senior at Phoenix High school and will graduate in May of this year. If consolidation is approved, it will not affect me directly, but since I have received my entire education in the Phoenix-Talent system, I take an interest in what happens to District No. 4.

In my opinion, consolidation would not be beneficial to Phoenix High school for many reasons other than the loss of "identity," a reason given in the editorial of Thursday's paper. In a statement issued to District No. 4 residents by the School Board of the Phoenix-Talent School District, sound facts are given to support financial and educational bases for non-consolidation. It is a fact that union with Medford would raise taxes of Phoenix-Talent residents immediately after consolidation, and also upon the initial building of the planned second high school. How could it help but do this? The money must come from somewhere and logically from the taxpayers who shoulder many burdens as it is.

Some people involved seem to think that the 91-course curriculum offered at Medford High school immediately insures a better education for their children. Personally, I feel this merely uses numbers to impress people rather than measuring the quality of education provided at either school. The faculty at Phoenix High is comparable to any in the valley. Because of the low teacher-pupil ratio, the students enjoy a closer educational relationship with the instructor, and can obtain personal help from a qualified person at their convenience. Also, many of the 91 courses at Medford are vocational and if added to Phoenix's curriculum would put it on an equal plane with Medford.

I believe that basically for its size, Phoenix has a very well-rounded and adequate curriculum to prepare young people for college or work. As I stated, quality is more important than quantity.

With the above reasons in mind, the logical vote would be no to the proposal of consolidation. However, regardless of the decision, every registered voter should vote on the issue.

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**Explains Bill**  
To the Editor: Some questions have been raised in Jackson county concerning House Bill 1203 which I introduced. I think it would be well for me to explain the bill and its possible effects.

At the present time, the Jackson County School Board, in cooperation with the State Department of Education, is conducting a series of classes on Saturday, at Southern Oregon college, for educationally advanced children. This is in addition to, and is not a part of, the regular school program. This is in accordance with the law which has been in effect for some years. One section of that law provides that the special program is limited to students "who are enrolled in the public schools." The bill which I introduced would strike the quoted language from the law. The bill would not make any other changes in existing law.

The Rural School Board has full control of the classes, subject only to the regulations of the State Department. If parochial school students were permitted to attend, the control would remain the same, and the parochial schools would have nothing to say about the content of the courses or the conduct of the classes. No money would be paid to any parochial school.

Some people have indicated that they feel the new bill would violate the separation of church and state. In my opinion that constitutional principle is not involved here, because no money would be paid to or for any parochial school. The only provision of the constitution which was concerned in the recently overruled text book statute was Article I, Section 5 which states that "no money shall be drawn from the treasury for the benefit of any religious, or theological institution." The only institutions involved in this special educational program are public schools.

life in prison because he was fighting for the downtrodden worker.

According to statistics compiled by NLRB in 1936, the total operating costs that year of labor espionage was \$80,000,000. As an individual, Mr. Brown, how could you cope with that?

Did you ever hear of Pearl Bergoff? Strike breaking was his business, he made millions at it. Hundreds of people died in the struggle to get decent working conditions.

The working force today had better wake up before it is too late, when the Goldwaters, the Birches, and the Dan Smoot crowd get control, the whole U.S. will be nothing but a concentration camp. Don't let anyone kid you into the NAM and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is no good for the little people.

Sure there is corruption in labor unions, but not half as much as there is in big business. Go back to the Palmer raids after World War I and follow right on through the Harding administration and see what you find. It still smells.

How can all this be changed? By adjusting our economy to the era in which we are living. Our economy is based on scarcity. We have an abundance. Adjust to an abundance. It is just as simple as that. Every man, woman and child on this North American continent could be living in luxury. But the vested interests are running the show. Technology is burying our way of life, not the Communists. Are we big enough to adjust before it is too late?

Technocracy has a blueprint ready to go. What are we waiting for? Science has given us a push button system of production, big business has taken it. Now if we will just take science's economy we will have security from the cradle to the grave, this abundance is here for all of us, not just the vested interests.

Ray Prichard,  
414 South First St.,  
Central Point.

**Objects to Bills**  
To the Editor and to our State Legislature: Among the bills submitted to the legislature are at least eleven bills for schools. We want the bill that isn't there. That bill would return the schools to city and county. No state control.

We object to HB1121 which authorizes the State Board of Education to fix salary of State Superintendent. Also SB 52 which takes all control of the parents from dismissal of teachers. Our children are our most priceless possessions. Certainly parents should have some control over those who teach them.

We object strongly to bill HB 1123 which "provides that the account of commitment and testimony of the trial of the mentally ill be given to the County Clerk who shall seal it. Neither the account nor the testimony shall be disclosed to any person except the County Health Officer or pursuant court order." That, to put it bluntly, means that a person can be picked up and sent to an insane asylum and nobody will be able to find out why except to file a court suit.

In Russia this is done at midnight. Our constitution says, "Nor any person shall be deprived of life, liberty, property without due process of law." Article 5.

Section 10 of the Oregon Constitution says "No court shall be secret but justice shall be administered openly and without purchase." That makes this bill unconstitutional.

We do not like this proposed Oregon Constitution. We, the people, no longer have, "the right to alter, reform, or abolish the government in such manner as they may think fit."

The governor is the only

lected official. He can have as many as 20 cabinet departments. We lose our votes.

"Buying a pig in a poke," a new office, the Controller. His selection, removal, salary, duties, office personnel, term of office are all to be "as provided by law." His term will be not less than eight years.

His job covers a multitude of words which you can read on pages 24 and 25. Some jobs are listed but again the "Pig in the Poke" is in the words.

"He shall make additional investigations and reports as required by the legislature Assembly, and perform other functions as provided by law." Bob Duncan said "we could trust our legislature to vote themselves a fair wage." We did and they did as "we can plainly see." Once bitten, twice careful.

We want a spending cut not taxes raised.

Ella Powell  
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Central Point, Ore.

**Purpose of Project**  
To the Editor: I do not wish to join the long list of writers who fill your columns with their letters, expressing their views against every subject, except some subject which would offer a better opportunity for expression of opposition of things in general.

I am not a habitual writer of letters to the editor; but once in a while, some one expresses himself in such a way as to make me think he should be answered.

The one I am referring to is a certain Mr. A. C. Fries, Jr., of Ashland, who remarks about Representative Branchfield's bill which would call for a fair break for students of Parochial schools, by amending the present law which limits eligibility for education of gifted students to those from the public schools.

Of course, as Mr. Fries states, every dime spent in this program comes out of taxes, but is he so ignorant as to think people who choose to send their children to parochial schools do not pay just as much in taxes for support of public schools as those who make use of the public schools?

And doesn't he know that this education program for gifted students has nothing whatever to do with breaching the separation of church and state? There is to be no religion taught in this special education program.

I do not believe that any lawmaker in our state legislature has at any time been so biased as to place such a provision as the one quoted, limiting this benefit to students other than Catholics, Lutherans, Seventh Day Adventists or any religious order that wishes to have the children taught according to their own religious belief, enough to build, equip, pay for their own teachers, furnish their own buses for travel to and from school, all at their own expense while paying their equal share of the upkeep of public schools, while they are barred from receiving free text books, or anything else that comes from the public fund.

I do not think that Mr. Branchfield will have any trouble getting the rest of the fair minded members of the state legislature to pass such a just piece of legislation. After all, the purpose of this project is to further education of the gifted or talented students, and discrimination against the religious of any gifted student is not, or should not be considered.

Pat Graham,  
175 Jeanette st.,  
Medford

**Loses Its Activities**  
To the Editor: For a community to lose its high school is a sad situation. Talent lost all the activities connected with our older children. No high school games, practice, parties, programs. Now is Phoenix going to lose this all-

so for theirs and ours? For their young people and ours to be hauled away on buses? They say it "would avoid the present unnecessary and costly transport of children" (last night's Mail Tribune). We have around 400 or so high school students—how would they get to Medford?

They tell us all we would "gain."  
We feel we would "lose" a great deal more than the claimed gain. We want to keep our voice in the management of our children and their education and keep our own school board, a group we feel has done and is doing a marvelous job.

Keep our improvements and schools in our own districts. Our taxes would be raised. Why not have the buildings and improvements here, to show, for our present rate of taxation, not a big new high school in Medford (with higher taxes), while our own buildings stand as they are.

If we need improvements and additions, why not add them to our own schools in our own community and have them here.

Our children have a fine school chance, with the privilege of their own teams and activities.

Talent and Phoenix people—there is only one way to keep our schools as they are. Vote.

Ruth M. Clark  
118 South Pacific highway  
Talent, Ore.

**Has Spoken Again**  
To the Editor: The Little King and his Court Jesters in Washington have spoken again. Yesterday the networks, local radio and TV hummed with soothing words about the Cuban missile situation.

So, go back to sleep little king of dumbwits until you are blasted out of your sweet dreams by the Soviet arsenal now in Cuba. Anyone with a memory of Khrushchev's past performances knows it takes more than a Harvard accent to frighten him.

Kennedy, having missed two comparatively easy opportunities to get communism out of Cuba, is stalling now. He

finds himself facing a major war if he should try again. And in the meantime, Khrushchev will use the military base he is building in Cuba for communist expansion throughout the western hemisphere.

With congressmen becoming increasingly concerned about the Russian buildup of arms in Cuba who can believe the double talk about "defensive" missiles that comes out of Washington?

We scuttled our Skybolt program that we had promised to England in exchange for Khrushchev agreeing to remove the original 42 missiles. Now, they are all back and a lot more with the Russians digging in to stay right on our door steps?

Sweet Dreams??  
M. L. Spencer  
Talent, Ore.

**Run by Conservatives**  
To the Editor: The morning news says: "Congress is being run by Conservatives."

Now I wuz wondering how much money them penny pinching conservative cotton pickers in Washington would have to spend to be classified as spendthrifts?

Everett Acklin,  
Ashland, Ore.

**About Lionel Barrymore**  
To the Editor: And William T. Cuddy, you say you knew Lionel Barrymore. My "steady" was his nurse while he was in the hospital at Amityville, L.I.

Lionel was a great actor, but I didn't judge him to be "Darn near a God" as you put it. "Still-water runs deep"—but come to think of it, Lionel wasn't always so blamed "still," either. Being only 16 then, perhaps I wasn't a good judge.

I moved west and never saw Lionel or his nurse—Clarence Potter—again, tho' I corresponded with both for a time. While riding with the horse show and caring for my own string of broncs, I had little time for letter writing.

John E. Ring, your letter about geologic age fossils was interesting.

I guess Bonnie Hovey and I were about a fourth of a mile north west of Culbertson, Mont., where we had been shooting flickertails and ratlers.

On a hill we found a huge flagstone with a hole at one side. We slid down and found a square, man-made mound with a hole in the wall. While scratching our initials on the wall, we uncovered a round, red jewel-like bone. We thought it to be the ball part of a ball and socket joint of an arm.

Wasn't there a tribe of Indians called "Red bones"? That must have been about 1911. As that hill was bare of all excepting buffalo grass—rains may have washed it full of soil, but the stone would be there as a marker.

I always liked digging and

spend much time in delving into such things.  
Pearl Spackman,  
Jacksonville.

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# SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 SHOULD NOT BE "SWALLOWED UP" by School District 549C

## Here Is Why—

- Residents of School District 4 have the lowest school millage rate in Jackson County with the exception of Pinehurst.  
**LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY! VOTE (X) NO ON CONSOLIDATION**
- Residents of School District 4 have a school system in which the voice of the citizens may be heard in the education of their children by electing their own school board members.  
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- School District 4 already meets or exceeds all state standards and requirements.  
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- The grade schools of School District 4 have consistently been ABOVE county and national norms in the averages of all subject areas tested in all grades. The teacher-pupil ratio is low, thus insuring individual attention to the needs of each child.  
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- The average grade point average of Phoenix freshman in college is consistently above the general average of college freshmen, thus showing the results of a good educational system.  
**LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY! VOTE (X) NO ON CONSOLIDATION**
- Plans are already under way on a pay-as-you-go basis to meet the needs of a growing school population and thus maintain the high educational standards now in effect. This plus a modest Bond Issue will maintain our system for several years.  
**LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY! VOTE (X) NO ON CONSOLIDATION**

# SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION MONDAY, February 11—2 to 8 p.m.

<b>TALENT:</b> Talent Elementary School Gym	<b>MEDFORD DISTRICT:</b> Griffin Creek School Hoover School Howard School Jackson School Jacksonville School	Jefferson School Lincoln School Lone Pine School Oak Grove School Roosevelt School	Ruch School Washington School West Side School Wilson School
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# VOTE NO On Consolidation

Paid Political Adv. Citizens Committee of District 4. Lea Zundel, Chairman.

**Poets' Corner**  
Conducted by  
**Arnold Eugene Jenny**

**At Gettysburg**  
These quiet fields, where play the mocking-birds,  
These lavish orchards, born to days of peace;  
These happy valleys—was it here the words  
Of weary Lincoln bade the battles cease?  
And was it here the tides of conflict rolled  
Through fearful days of devastating death,  
While countless millions worn with warfare old  
Endured and prayed and hoped, with bated breath?  
O Lincoln, master, speak to us again;  
Lift up our hearts, subdue our stubborn souls;  
Here, once again, on this embattled plain,  
Call us to peace, speed us to worthy goals;  
Bind up the broken spirits, bid war die  
In every heart, and under every sky!  
—Thomas Curtis Clark

**The Fatalist**  
I deem it rather quaint to think  
That if we teeter on the brink,  
Then teeter just a bit too far,  
Thus make our world a burned-out star,  
We did it in a bang-up way  
With atoms splitting 'round so gay.  
Examine Goya's etchings, then,  
Determine if you'd rather been  
A victim of exquisite pain  
As practiced in the land of Spain?  
Or peek across the Pyrenees  
And think if you would bend your knees  
To bow below the guillotine  
As did a frightened King and Queen?  
Still undecided? Then we go  
To Merry England where they show  
Decorum in the proper use  
Of silk or hemp to form a noose.  
Electrodes fitted to the head  
Will leave the victim just as dead  
As pellets dropped in acid bath:  
A newer age's clever wrath.  
This catalog is much too brief  
In all the ways that man makes grief,  
But if I merely pointed out  
Or left no room for anxious doubt  
That all that comes is swift and sure,  
Then might there be a chance for cure?  
—Lloyd B. Halverson  
Medford

**Reflections**  
My mirror isn't always good to me:  
I fear I look for what I cannot find;  
It shows me things I do not want to see.  
Gray hairs, a little stoop, and features lined  
Were mirrored back to me one fading day.  
Then I looked past myself and God was kind:  
The sunset's rose and gold, in glad display,  
My mirror caught and held for my delight.  
When I put vanity and self away,  
God brought eternal beauty to my sight.  
—Blanche Ellis Norvell  
The Manor, Medford

**Query**  
The stars that shine upon my window-pane,  
Like silver dots on a celestial plane.  
We view with awe, yet they must hide again.  
When dark clouds come to bring the snow and rain.  
The galaxies parading in the sky  
Impotently roll on and on as you and I,  
And will continue on and on, while we  
Prepare to live, nor yet prepare to die.  
If we could move Time forward in its flight  
Would our old Moon still shed her silver light?  
Would the white-light of Venus ever shine,  
And would the Star of Bethlehem be bright?  
—Thomas M. Riley  
Engle Point, Oregon

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